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DATE: January 6, 1997
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FROM: John Bosche Telephone: (415) 222-8295 Fax: (415) 543-5480
RE: RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDAS

Per the request of Ronald Yee with the Department of the Navy, Engineering Field Activity, West, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, the following information is enclosed with this transmittal:

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) draft meeting minutes for the December 12, 1996 meeting. The document will be finalized during the RAB meeting scheduled for January 16, 1997. The meeting minutes include two attachments, as follows.

- A. The sign-in sheet for the December 12, 1996 RAB meeting.
- B. Agendas for the RAB meetings scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 1997 and Saturday, February 8, 1997.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting minutes, or scheduled agendas, please contact Ronald Yee at (415) 244-2558, or John Rosengard, RAB Community Co-chair at (510) 601-8740.

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**NAVAL WEAPONS STATION CONCORD
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD**

MEETING MINUTES

**Ambrose Community Center
3105 Willow Pass Road
Bay Point, California**

Thursday, December 12, 1996

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS/COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

A. Welcome and Introductions

The Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Concord Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met on Thursday, December 12, 1996, at the Ambrose Community Center in Bay Point, California. Mr. John Rosengard, the RAB community co-chair, opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

B. Community Co-Chair Report

1. Agenda for December and January RAB Meetings

Mr. Rosengard reviewed the agenda for the December meeting and requested the RAB's approval to reverse the order of events to allow Mr. Scott Etzel to report on the collected RAB comments on the Inland Area RI report as the first agenda item. The RAB agreed to alter the agenda to accommodate Mr. Etzel who needed to leave before the end of the meeting.

Mr. Rosengard announced that Dr. Dan Stralka, an expert on risk assessment and the Hazard Ranking System scoring process from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will deliver a presentation on ecological risk at the next RAB meeting on January 16, 1997.

2. Approval of November RAB Meeting Minutes

Mr. Rosengard opened the floor to comments on the November RAB meeting minutes. Mr. Rich Purdue requested that a higher level of detail be provided in future meeting minutes. Mr. Etzel said that a question he had asked at the November RAB meeting was misstated in the second paragraph on page three of the November RAB meeting minutes. He clarified that his question had been "Why was the California Quail selected instead of the ground squirrel as a species of concern?" Mr. Steve Bachofer also made a clarification. He indicated that a comment he had made that was reflected in the fifth paragraph on page 3 of the November RAB meeting minutes was misstated. He clarified that he had not said that it was the "current scientific trend" to leave soils that are slightly contaminated with pesticides in situ. Instead, he had said that he had read a discussion on the topic. Mr. Rosengard noted that it was he himself who had said it was the "current scientific trend." The RAB meeting minutes, of November 14, 1996, were approved with the corrections noted.

II. AGENDA PRESENTATIONS

A. Report on Letter Summarizing Community Comments

RAB members discussed whether the preliminary draft of the community comments on the Inland Area Draft Remedial Investigation (RI) report should be attached to the December meeting minutes. Mr. Etzel said that attaching the comments to the minutes would get copies out to all RAB members. Ms. Connie Peak stated that the comments were not yet in condition for public distribution. Mr. Purdue indicated that the comments could be distributed as a working document. Mr. Ronald Yee stated that he would prefer that the RAB comments be sent to the Navy separately from the minutes. Mr. Rosengard offered to write a separate cover letter to distribute the comments to RAB members.

B. Summary of the Inland Area RI Review Group Meeting

The Inland Area RI review group met on December 11, 1996. Mr. Rich Purdue summarized the meeting. He said that the collected comments on the Inland Area RI that were prepared as a result of the meeting were intended to give an indication of the general sense of all the comments. He said that, in the general opinion of the review group, the Inland Area RI report is disjointed. However, he referred the RAB to the summary tables in Chapter 10 and stated that the review group would like to see similar summary tables throughout the document. Mr. Purdue stated that the Inland Area Draft RI report seems to be incomplete in some areas. He indicated that the maps in the document are of a small scale and requested that the Navy provide one set of larger-scale maps to facilitate the RAB review team's review of the document. Mr. Richard Pieper stated that he would provide Mr. Purdue with a large scale station map. Mr. Pieper also stated that the size of the maps depends upon the intent of the report and that some of the maps are expensive to reproduce. Mr. Rosengard offered to absorb the cost for a set of wall size maps for interested RAB members.

Mr. Purdue listed several suggestions for improvement of the RI report. He suggested that increased cross-referencing and inclusion of topographic maps would be helpful to community members in reading the document. He also suggested that several reviewers commented on surface water runoff issues and that additional information on sampling of the runoff would be useful. He stated that acronyms were used throughout the report and were sometimes difficult for reviewers to understand.

The Inland Area Draft RI review team will meet again on January 9, 1997, at the Badge and Pass Office.

C. Solid Waste Management Unit Report

Mr. John Bosche of PRC Environmental Management, Inc. (PRC) announced that the Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) report was available for comment. Three copies of the report were provided to the RAB. Dr. Eugenia McNaughton stated that she will write a letter requesting an extension of the comment period on the document.

D. Litigation Area Report

Ms. Anju Vig of PRC announced that Litigation Area Qualitative Ecological Assessment (QEA) Report had been completed. She provided three copies of the report to the RAB. The report consists of three volumes. Dr. Mary Gleason and Ms. Barbara Sootkoos were the project managers for the report and will be available to deliver a presentation on the Litigation Area QEA report to the RAB at the monthly meeting on February 20, 1997.

Ms. Vig explained that the objective of the Litigation Area QEA was to characterize the risk remaining after remediation at the RASS sites. The report is based on field samples collected after the remediation was complete.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Public Relations Committee

Ms. Tatiana Roodkowsky reported that the public relations (PR) committee had met recently and had agreed upon two proposed dates for the next open house and environmental tour of the station. The proposed dates were Saturday, April 5, and Saturday April 12, 1997. Ms. Roodkowsky requested that the Navy select a preferred date. Ms. Roodkowsky indicated that the PR committee would appreciate assistance from the Navy with newspaper ads and press releases to publicize the event. She asked if the Navy was planning to place an ad in the Contra Costa Times to publicize the January RAB meeting.

The PR committee is soliciting comments on the PR brochure. The RAB discussed whether the term "application" or the term "registration" should be used in the brochure where prospective RAB members will be asked to provide information about themselves to be considered for membership on the RAB. Mr. Pieper indicated that he preferred that the term "application" be used in the brochure. Department of Defense guidance states that the commanding officer of the base may reserve final judgment with respect to the selection of RAB members.

The next PR committee meeting will be held on January 9, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. at the Badge and Pass Office.

IV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The RAB discussed a schedule for reviewing and commenting on the numerous technical documents that have recently been completed or are planned for completion in the near future. Mr. Rosengard proposed holding a second RAB meeting in February to ensure adequate time to address all of the forthcoming documents. He listed several events to be scheduled on a flip chart, as follows: (1) RAB comments on the Inland Area RI report (January 20, 1997), (2) PRC response, (3) RAB presentation on SWMU Report by Mr. Bosche, (4) RAB presentation on the QEA report by Dr. Gleason and Ms. Sootkoos, (5) RAB comments on the SWMU Report, and (6) RAB comments on the Litigation Area QEA report. Mr. Pieper indicated that there is a higher time priority on reviewing the SWMU report because there is more opportunity for influence during the comment period. Whereas the Litigation Area QEA report has a more long-term opportunity for effecting change. Mr. Pieper explained that the QEA report is used to evaluate the question, "Should more cleanup be done?"

Mr. Steve Gallo suggested that one hour in the regularly scheduled February 20th RAB meeting be dedicated to discussing the Litigation Area QEA. He said that the RAB may be able to obtain an extension of the comment period.

Mr. Ronald Yee proposed a Saturday meeting to hear a presentation on the Litigation Area QEA. The RAB decided to meet on Saturday, February 8, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Badge and Pass Office to hear presentations on the SWMU report and the Litigation Area QEA report. The Litigation Area QEA presentation will be delivered at the regular RAB meeting on February 20, 1997.

Mr. Purdue requested a presentation on the overall scheme or master plan for the cleanup process at NWS Concord.

Mr. Rosengard raised the topic of recruiting future attendees. He has invited two friends from his office to attend the January RAB meeting. Ms. Connie Peak stated that she will also be bringing a guest to the next RAB meeting.

Ms. Roodkowsky requested that meeting minutes be mailed by fourteen days from each RAB meeting.

The PR committee is planning a farewell event for Dr. Bobby Smith who is leaving the RAB. Mr. Pieper stated that he would arrange to have a commemorative plaque made for Dr. Smith. Dr. McNaughton stated that she would invite Dr. Smith to attend.

VI. ACTION ITEM UPDATE

A. Status of Action Items from November RAB Meeting

- Ms. Roodkowsky will invite a representative from Congressman Miller's office and Congressman Baker's office to a future RAB meeting to present the political ramifications of partial delisting of NWS Concord from the NPL.
- Mr. Rosengard will invite an EPA representative to a future RAB meeting to provide information regarding partial delisting of NWS Concord from the NPL.
- Ms. Roodkowsky will provide a formatted and updated list of RAB members.

B. Action Items Identified at the December RAB Meeting

- Dr. McNaughton will write a letter formally requesting an extension of the comment period for the SWMU report and other documents.
- Mr. Pieper will have a plaque made to commemorate Dr. Smith's contribution to the RAB.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rosengard adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, 1997.

VIII. ATTACHMENTS

A. Sign-in sheet from December 12, 1996, RAB meeting

B. Agendas for the January 16, and February 8, RAB meetings

A copy of these meeting minutes is available for public review at the Information Repository located at the Main Branch of the Contra Costa County Library in Pleasant Hill.

ATTACHMENT A

**LIST OF ATTENDEES AND SIGN-IN SHEET
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING
Thursday, December 12, 1996**

LIST OF ATTENDEES
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, December 12, 1996

1. COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Mr. Steven Bachofer, Mr. Scott Etzel, Mr. Steve Gallo, Ms. Sylvia Kotecki,
Ms. Connie Peak, Mr. Rich Purdue, Ms. Tatiana Roodkowsky, and Mr. John Rosengard.

2. NAVY MEMBERS

Mr. Richard Pieper (Naval Weapons Station Concord and Navy RAB Co-Chair), and
Mr. Ronald Yee (Engineering Field Activity West).

3. REGULATORY AGENCY MEMBERS

Dr. Eugenia McNaughton (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

4. OTHER ATTENDEES

Mr. John Bosche (PRC Environmental Management, Inc. [PRC]), Ms. Anju Vig (PRC), and
Ms. Kathy Walsh (PRC).

**NAVAL WEAPONS STATION CONCORD
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

December 12, 1996

SIGN-IN SHEET

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Sylvia L. Kotecki	(510) 686-1964
John Bosche	(415) 222-8295
Scott Etzel	827-9576
Steve Gallo	510 370-7969
Eugene McNaughton	415-344-1636
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ATTACHMENT B

**AGENDAS
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS
Thursday, January 16, 1997, and
Thursday, February 8, 1997**

DRAFT AGENDA
NAVAL WEAPONS STATION CONCORD
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 16, 1997

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Ambrose Community Center
3105 Willow Pass Road
Bay Point, California

7:00 - 7:05	Welcome and Introductions
7:05 - 7:15	Community Co-Chair's Report
7:15 - 7:20	Approval of Meeting Minutes
7:20 - 8:00	Presentation on Ecological Risk Assessment and the Hazard Ranking System (HRS) - Dr. Dan Stralka
8:00 - 8:10	Break
8:10 - 8:45	Presentation on Ecological Risk Assessment and the HRS (continued) - Dr. Dan Stralka
8:45 - 8:50	Future Agenda Topics and Action Item Update
8:50 - 9:00	Public Comment
9:00	Adjournment

DRAFT AGENDA
NAVAL WEAPONS STATION CONCORD
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Saturday, February 8, 1997

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Badge and Pass Office

9:00 - 9:05	Welcome and Introductions
9:05 - 11:00	Presentation on the Solid Waste Management Unit Report - John Bosche (PRC)
11:00 - 11:10	Break
11:10 - 1:00	Presentation on the Litigation Area Report - Mary Gleason (PRC) and Barbara Sootkoos (PRC)
1:00	Adjournment